

Rule 1.4

CONDUCT IN COURTROOM AND ENVIRONS

(a) **Recording Devices.** All forms, means, and manner of taking photographs, tape recordings, broadcasting, or television are prohibited in all courtrooms and environs thereto during the course of, or in connection with, any judicial proceedings whether the Court is actually in session or not.

(b) **Environs Defined.** Environs as used in this Rule means the Sandra Day O'Connor United States Courthouse in Phoenix including the entire building, parking lot and curtilage up to the edge of, but not including, the sidewalk; the Evo A. Deconcini United States Courthouse in Tucson including the entire building, parking lot and curtilage; the second floor, basement and that portion of the third floor occupied by the U.S. District Court in the United States Courthouse in Prescott; the entire first floor and that portion of the second floor occupied by the U.S. District Court and U.S. Pretrial Services in the AWD Professional Building, Flagstaff; the entire United States Courthouse in Yuma. In addition to the foregoing, environs as used in this Rule also means any other building, parking lot, and curtilage up to the edge of, but not including the sidewalk, of any United States Courthouse which is placed in use after the adoption of this Rule.

(c) **Interiors of Offices.** The prohibitions of this Rule are not intended to apply to the interiors of offices having no relationship with the courts or judicial proceedings.

(d) **Exemption for Court Reporting.** This Rule is not intended to prohibit recordings by a court reporter where such recordings are for use as a court record only.

(e) **Exceptions.** A District Judge or Magistrate Judge may, however, permit (1) the use of electronic or photographic means for the presentation of evidence or the perpetuation of a record, and (2) the broadcasting, televising, recording or photographing of investitive, ceremonial, or naturalization proceedings.

(f) **Computers; Cellular Phones; Other Equipment.** With the prior permission of the Court, counsel may bring into Court an unobtrusive hand-held dictating machine for use in dictating notes

or reminders during trial. It is not to be used to record any part of the proceedings. Lap-top computers may be used in the courtroom providing they emit no sound, and are not disruptive to the proceedings. Cellular phones are prohibited from use in the courtroom. Any device which emits sound disruptive to the proceedings must be turned off or set on silent mode.

(g) **United States Marshal Service and General Services Administration Duties.** The United States Marshal Service (USMS) and the General Services Administration (GSA) will make reasonable efforts to promote safe and unobstructed public access to the courthouse during regular business hours. Whenever USMS or GSA in its discretion deems it necessary, or when they are ordered to do so by a Judge, USMS and GSA shall create and maintain by the placement of stanchions an ingress/egress corridor extending from the front door of the courthouse to the sidewalk. The corridor shall include the wheelchair access ramp. The corridor shall be deemed an extension of the doorway and remain unobstructed. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (a), USMS or GSA may designate a "media access area" on outdoor courthouse property in which the use of cameras and other audio and video recording equipment is permitted.